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Summary. This is a change to TRADOC Reg 600-15, 1 May 99. This change provides new titles for chapters 2 and 3.

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1. Change TRADOC Reg 600-15, 1 May 99, as follows:

Chapter 2. Change title from 'Senior Competent Authorities' to 'Devolution of Command.'

Chapter 3. Change title from 'Devolvment of Command' to 'Lines of Devolution.'

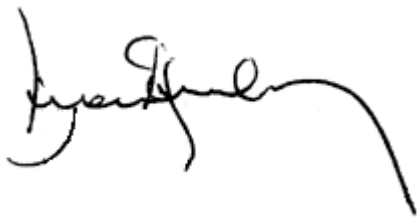
2. Post these changes per DA Pam 25-40.

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Summary. This regulation prescribes the principles and procedures associated with the assumption of command within the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC).

Applicability. This regulation applies to all TRADOC installations and activities.

Supplementation. Supplementation of this regulation is not authorized.

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Chapter 1 Introduction

1-1. Purpose. This regulation prescribes the principles, circumstances, and procedures associated with the devolvment of command within TRADOC.

1-2. Reference. Army Regulation 600-20, Army Command Policy.

1-3. Explanation of abbreviations. The glossary contains abbreviations used in this regulation.

1-4. Responsibilities. TRADOC commanders and commandants will ensure that matters covered by this regulation are disseminated as appropriate.

Chapter 2 Superior Competent Authorities

2-1. Presumption of command.

a. Commanding General (CG), TRADOC remains in command unless circumstances prevent the execution of command duties on a continued basis.

b. CG, TRADOC is presumed to remain in command even when absent from the command. In this age of rapid transportation, widespread and instantaneous communication, and sophisticated computer technology, distance is less an impediment to the exercise of command than in the past.

2-2. Circumstances of devolution. If circumstances prevent CG, TRADOC, from being able to execute command duties on a continued basis, then command should be devolved.

a. Voluntary. CG, TRADOC may devolve command at any time under circumstances he deems appropriate.

b. Incapacitation. Command will devolve when CG, TRADOC suffers from an injury, illness, or medical condition that seriously impairs his ability to command or requires him to take medication that seriously impairs his ability to command, including being under influence of general anesthesia.

c. General. Command will devolve when the CG, TRADOC, because of unusual or exceptional circumstances, is not able to receive information and provide orders and direction to the command for a substantial period of time.

Chapter 3 Devolvment of Command

3-1. General principle. Under circumstances set forth herein, or upon direction of the CG, TRADOC, command will devolve to the next senior, regularly assigned member of the command. For this purpose, the command is not limited to the command headquarters (HQ), but includes the entire command.

3-2. Notification requirements.

a. Notice of the devolvment of command or assumption of command will be published by memorandum and distributed to TRADOC Commanders, Commandants, and Headquarters Staff.

b. Notice of the devolvment of command or assumption of command will be provided to HQDA (DAGOM) WASH DC 20310-0300.

3-3. Subordinate command devolvement.

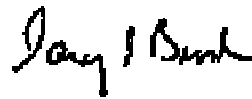
TRADOC general officer commanders are authorized to appoint a junior in grade, under their jurisdiction, to command when two or more commissioned officers in the same grade are eligible for command. TRADOC general officer commanders who desire to appoint a junior in grade as their own successor must obtain approval of the major Army command (MACOM) Commander by forwarding a request to Commander, TRADOC, ATBO-BO, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1048 (see AR 600-20, para 2-5).

Glossary

DA	Department of Army
DAGOM	Department of Army General Officer Management
HQ	headquarters
TRADOC	U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command

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